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FORM B

For use by candidates and new employees

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Candidate for the
House of Representatives

State: LA
District: 2nd

Date of
Election: _____

Check if
Amendment



New officer or
employee

Employing Office: _____

**A \$200 penalty shall be assessed
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In all sections, please type or print clearly in black ink.

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

I. Did you or your spouse have "earned" income (e.g., salaries or fees) of \$200 or more from any source in the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule I.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	IV. Did you hold any reportable positions on or before the date of filing in the current calendar year or in the prior <u>two</u> years? If yes, complete and attach Schedule IV.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
II. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child receive "unearned" income of more than \$200 in the reporting period or hold any reportable asset worth more than \$1,000 at the end of the period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule II.	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	V. Did you have any reportable agreement or arrangement with an outside entity? If yes, complete and attach Schedule V.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
III. Did you, your spouse, or a dependent child have any reportable liability (more than \$10,000) during the reporting period? If yes, complete and attach Schedule III.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VI. Did you receive compensation of more than \$5,000 from a single source in the <u>two</u> prior years? If yes, complete and attach Schedule VI.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Each question in this part must be answered and the appropriate schedule attached for each "Yes" response.

EXCLUSION OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION — ANSWER EACH OF THESE QUESTIONS

TRUSTS —Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or a dependent child? (See Instructions, page 8.)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EXEMPTION —Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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Exclude: Military pay (such as National Guard or Reserve pay), federal retirement programs, and benefits received under the Social Security Act.

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SCHEDULE III — LIABILITIES

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Report liabilities of over \$10,000 owed to any one creditor **at any time** during the reporting period by you, your spouse, or dependent child. Mark the highest amount owed during the reporting period. **Exclude:** Any mortgage on your personal residence (unless there is rental income); loans secured by automobiles, household furniture, or appliances; liabilities of a business in which you own an interest; and liabilities owed to a spouse, or the child, parent, or sibling of you or your spouse. Report **revolving charge accounts** (i.e., credit cards) only if the balance at the close of the previous calendar year exceeded \$10,000.

SP, DC, JT	Creditor	Type of Liability	Amount of Liability										
			B \$10,001— \$15,000	C \$15,001— \$50,000	D \$50,001— \$100,000	E \$100,001— \$250,000	F \$250,001— \$500,000	G \$500,001— \$1,000,000	H \$1,000,001— \$5,000,000	I \$5,000,001— \$25,000,000	J \$25,000,001— \$50,000,000	K Over \$50,000,000	
	Example: First Bank of Wilmington, Delaware	Mortgage on 123 Main Street, Dover, Del.				X							

SCHEDULE IV — POSITIONS

Report all positions, compensated or uncompensated, held on or before the date of filing during the current calendar year and in the two prior years as an officer, director, trustee of an organization, partner, proprietor, representative, employee, or consultant of any corporation, firm, partnership, or other business enterprise, any nonprofit organization, any labor organization, or any educational or other institution other than the United States.

Exclude: Positions listed on Schedule I; positions held in any religious, social, fraternal, or political entities; and positions solely of an honorary nature.

Position	Name of Organization
Chaplain	Mt Pleasant Correctional Institute Facility

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SCHEDULE II—ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

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BLOCK A Asset and/or Income Source		BLOCK B Value of Asset													BLOCK C Type of Income							BLOCK D Type of Income																					
<p>Identify (a) each asset held for investment or production of income with a fair market value exceeding \$1,000 at the end of the reporting period, and (b) any other asset or source of income which generated more than \$200 in "unearned" income during the year. For rental property or land, provide a complete address. Provide full names of stocks and mutual funds (do not use ticker symbols). For all IRAs and other retirement plans (such as 401(k) plans) that are self-directed (i.e., plans in which you have the power, even if not exercised, to select the specific investments), provide the value and income information on <i>each asset</i> in the account that exceeds the reporting threshold. For retirement plans that are not self-directed, name the institution holding the account and its value at the end of the reporting period. For an active business that is not publicly traded, state the name of the business, the nature of its activities, and its geographic location in Block A. For additional information, see the instruction booklet.</p> <p>Exclude: Your personal residence(s) (unless there is rental income); any debt owed to you by your spouse, or by you or your spouse's child, parent, or sibling; any deposits totalling \$5,000 or less in personal savings accounts; any financial interest in or income derived from U.S. Government retirement programs.</p> <p>If you so choose, you may indicate that an asset or income source is that of your spouse (SP) or dependent child (DC) or is jointly held (JT), in the optional column on the far left.</p>		<p>Indicate value of asset at close of reporting year. If you use a valuation method other than fair market value, please specify the method used.</p> <p>If an asset was sold during the reporting year and is included only because it generated income, the value should be "None."</p>													<p>Check all columns that apply. For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA." For all other assets <i>including all IRAs</i>, indicate the type of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if asset did not generate any income during calendar year.</p>							<p>For retirement plans or accounts that do not allow you to choose specific investments, you may write "NA" for income. For all other assets, <i>including all IRAs</i>, indicate the category of income by checking the appropriate box below. Dividends and interest, even if reinvested, should be listed as income. Check "None" if no income was received.</p>																					
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	NONE	DIVIDENDS	RENT	INTEREST	CAPITAL GAINS	EXCEPTED/BLIND TRUST	Other Type of Income (Specify: For Example, Partnership Income or Farm Income)	Current Year											Preceding Year											
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SP	SP: Mega Corp. Stock																																										
DC, Examples:	Simon & Schuster																																										
JT	1st Bank of Paducah, KY accounts																																										
	IFERS																																										
	MHI Credit Union																																										
	mt Pleasant IA																																										
	Two Rivers Bank																																										
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